

# Mr. Koo Likes America, but Dodges When Asked About American Girl

Chinese Orator of Columbia Says He's "Too Young" to Express Opinion as to Her Many Charms and Graces.

IS TRAINING TO BE A DIPLOMAT—PROVES IT.

Prize Debater Believes Western Learning Will Go Far to Create a "New China"—Needs No Lessons in Morals.

America has gained another admirer in V. H. Wellington Koo, the prize debater of Columbia College, who last week demonstrated that "Western learning" in Eastern lands is making wonderful progress by utterly defeating his Yankee competitors on the Cornell debating team.

Pitted against the argumentative Chinaman was Miss Elizabeth E. Cook, whose powers were the pride of the Cornell debating team. The Chinese orator lives at Hartley Hall, one of the huge stone dormitories which surround the Columbia campus. He received an Evening World reporter in suave American fashion and apologetic American dress.

"This is Mr. Koo," said the Chinese student, holding out his hand. "What do I think of America?" he asked, repeating the question.

"I admire it very much, and think it a wonderful country. This is the fourth year I have been here, gaining a Western education, so it is not surprising that I am now quite Americanized in thought and appearance."

"Do you expect to remain here when you finish your college course?" he was asked.

"No, I shall return to Shanghai when my education is completed, and hope to follow in the footsteps of my father. He is Secretary of Foreign Affairs, and I, too, expect to be a diplomat. It is for that reason that I have always been interested in debating, for a diplomat must be an adept at the art of talking."

Debate Was Impersonal.

"And how did you feel when you found yourself debating with a woman at the recent Columbia-Cornell debate?"

"Because a woman was my adversary made no difference to me," Mr. Koo quickly answered. "When Miss Cook entered the debate she placed herself on the same standing as the men, and she was treated as such. No, the natural gallantry of man did not cause me to try less, and I am sure Miss Cook did not count on that. For her speech was sufficient in itself to win the admiration of all. I did not take into consideration her femininity, and if I had it would not have made any difference."

"Is that the attitude of all your countrymen? Don't women count for much over in China?"

"Sentimentality or legality?" he inquired.

"Both." "Women count everywhere," V. H. Wellington Koo declared. "Of course, in this country she is legally recognized and has the support of the law in many things, while in China women have few or no rights."

"But we are progressing very rapidly. Just at present there are over 200 Chinese boys in American colleges, and forty girls are here learning Western knowledge at the various female institutions. China is awakening, the old order is passing away, and it is through education that a new China will be created and preserved. The desire for 'Western learning' has gripped even the masses, which shows that China can no longer be regarded as a sleeping nation."

Not Behind in Morals.

"It has been said that Chinamen who acquire the 'Western learning' at home are, as a class, better men and better citizens than those who have received their education abroad. Is this true?"

"No, I do not think so," Mr. Koo said. "For here one has all the advantages of Western civilization. In China it is very difficult to assimilate the advanced thought and democratic principles which belong to Western learning, though education has taken great strides in our land within the past few years. In 1906 a Board of Education was organized, and it is on this system of state education that China bases its greatest hopes."

"How would a Chinaman solve the matrimonial problem if he were in love with two women?" was the next question. "Would he marry both girls and have a legal right to do so?"

"Not in the part of China I come from," Mr. Koo declared. "Polygamy is not practised to any extent; in fact, not any more so than right here in America."

"Oh, in Utah, you mean?"

"Not at all. Right here in New York or any other town," was his surprising answer. "Polygamy is not legal, but nevertheless you find a great deal of it here. So I don't think Americans are so much ahead of the Chinese from a moral viewpoint, at least."

Dodged Like a Diplomat.

"And what do you think of the American girl?" followed as the inevitable question.

V. H. Wellington Koo grew red with sudden embarrassment, gazed on the latter couch and coughed in a nervous way.

"I am too young to express any opinion," he finally managed to say. "I think I had better defer saying anything about her until I have grown more sophisticated." And the Oriental youth, who had hitherto talked freely, refused to say another word.

The reporter bade Mr. Koo good-by, marveling that during his four years' course in "Western learning" he had learned so little concerning the American brand of femininity. But then he is studying diplomacy, too.



V. H. WELLINGTON KOO

## VREELAND STORY TO GRAND JURY BARRED BY COURT

Minutes of Metropolitan Query Can't Be Used by Mr. Limburg.

Justice Davis, in the Special Term of the Supreme Court, announced today that he would not accept as evidence the transcript of the minutes of the Grand Jury before which Herbert H. Vreeland, President of the New York City Railway Company, testified.

Herbert R. Limburg, special counsel for Attorney-General Jackson, in his suit to dissolve the company and renege its charter, sought to have Vreeland's Grand Jury testimony go in last week. Paul D. Cravath, counsel for the company, opposed the motion. Justice Davis inspected the minutes, with the result that he refused to let them go into the record, for the reasons

that there is no question of a statement of a witness to the Court that is inconsistent with his statement to the Grand Jury, that the corporation which put him forward was responsible for his testimony; that Mr. Vreeland before the Grand Jury did not refer to the New York City Railway Company, and also that Mr. Vreeland at the time was not a member of the corporation.

Trying to Locate Securities.

Mr. Cravath said last Friday that President Vreeland did not own one share of stock in the New York City Railway Company, but was a "dummy director."

Recalling H. W. Brown, the Auditor-General of the company, Mr. Limburg today sought to find out where the securities of the company and of the Metropolitan were on June 30, 1906. One might find information about the securities in the minute books, letter files, memoranda about the office and by inquiry from individuals, said the witness.

From April 23, 1902, to May 21, 1907, the Metropolitan Securities Company paid over in each subscription to the City Railway Company only \$20,000 out of the total loan of \$2,000,000, but received 15,000 shares of New York City Railway Company capital stock and \$1,000,000 par value of the ten-year 3 per cent. notes out of the total of \$2,000,000. Thus the Metropolitan Securities Company got on the face of this table securities worth \$2,000,000 for \$20,000.

Mr. Limburg claims the company got much more than this for the 3 per cent. notes issued by the City Railway Company, sold for 100 and sold back to the City Railway at 50, which would make another profit of \$4,000,000 reckoned as an asset, but which Mr. Cravath has admitted was merely a "bookkeeping asset."

A statement of reserve for new deficits of companies, a majority of whose stock was owned by the New York City Railway Company, prepared by Auditor Brown, showed on June 6, 1906, a net deficit of \$1,450,651.24.

Charles E. Warren, treasurer of the New York City Railway Company, recalled, testified that under President Vreeland's instruction he had sent to the Metropolitan Securities Company securities both for the ten-year debentures and for demand notes. The agreement carried no provisions for the deposit of collateral for these debentures.

"Who indicated what you should send?" asked Mr. Limburg.

"The Metropolitan Securities Company made the request and President Vreeland gave us instructions to send the securities," was the answer.

Following up this line Mr. Limburg tried to show the way the Metropolitan Securities Company juggled securities. Mr. Cravath strongly opposed it. "I desire to show," said Mr. Limburg, "that \$1,000,000 of the refunding bonds of the City Railway Company were sent over to the Metropolitan Securities with the authority to pledge them or sell them. There was never any collateral to be deposited for those ten-year 3 per cent. notes. We desire to show that the Securities Company took the securities of the New York City Railway Company and sold them. Then the notes were returned to the City Railway Company and new notes issued."

Mr. Cravath's objection was sustained by Justice Davis.

REVOLT IN FRENCH CONGO.

ANTWERP, March 9.—Mail reports received here from the Congo Independent State declare that the Issangues and Decharres blacks on the upper Sangha River, in the French Congo, have revolted. The French Director of this region has been taken prisoner. There have already been several engagements with the rebels.

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